

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 11 are pending in this application. Claim 5 stands allowed. Claim 11 has been amended without prejudice and without acquiescence as the Applicants and Examiner discussed on April 6, 2004. Support the amendment can be found in the original claims, as well as throughout the specification, for example, page 8, page 16 and page 17 and Figures 1 through 16. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice and without acquiescence. Applicants assert that no new matter is added.

The issues outstanding in this application are as follows:

- Claims 8 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite.

Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejections and objections, and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse.

In order to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants have canceled claim 8 without prejudice and without acquiescence and have amended claim 11 without prejudice and without acquiescence. Applicants discussed the amendment to claim 11 with the Examiner, and the Examiner indicated that the amendment presented herein would obviate the indefinite rejection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request, that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, however, there are any outstanding issues, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 713-651-5407, for a quick resolution.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10020885 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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